REMARKS

This present patent application includes claims 1-7. By the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-7 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 8-18.

The assignee of the present application received a notice mailed November 2, 2009, that the present patent application has met the filing date and classification requirements to participate in the Enhanced First Action Interview Pilot Program. The assignee is desirous of participating in the Program, and thus offers this Preliminary Amendment so that this application will comply with the rules relating to claims for participating in the Program.

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer. The right to pursue the subject matters of the canceled claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications is hereby expressly reserved. The present application now has eleven claims total, with one independent claim and no multiple dependent claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 894-0801.

Respectfully submitted,
/Ronald K. Aust, Reg. No. 36735/
Ronald K. Aust
Registration No. 36,735
Attorney for Applicants

RKA/ts

TAYLOR & AUST, P.C. 12029 E. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46229

Telephone: 317-894-0801 Facsimile: 317-894-0803

Electronically Filed: December 3, 2009